



HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN CHURCH

Union City, New Jersey



75th
Anniversary
1906 – 1981

"I should like to see any power in this world destroy this race, this small tribe of unimportant people, whose history is ended, whose wars have been fought and lost, whose structures have crumbled, whose literature is unread, whose music is unheard and whose prayers are no more answered. Go ahead, destroy this race! . . .

Destroy Armenia! See if you can do it. Send them from their homes into the desert. Let them have neither bread nor water. Burn their homes and churches. Then, see if they will not laugh again, see if they will not sing and pray again. For, when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a NEW ARMENIA."

WILLIAM SAROYAN

1935

In Memory of

MR. and MRS. ARSEN DEBAGHIAN and

MR. and MRS. ARPIAR ARPIARIAN

By Mr. and Mrs. Philip Arpiarian



THE CATHEDRAL OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN
Erected 301 A.D.

In Memory of OUR PARENTS
By Anita and Andy Avedesian



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լին, լայնան սուս կի ձեռքով Եւանջել Արքեպիսկոպոս Կոչույ
Ս. Սաղ եկեղեցւոյ կառուցման և անմահ եղբայրանման և
հինգ արարանքները:

Երբ, ինչպէս շարականաց Անի հողին, նրա հետապնդ
Անիկոսի ապիստան վրայ, նրա արարանքներն ի վեր առնալով
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նկատ հինգ:

Երբ ինչպէս զամենակ շարականաց, նրա արարանքն Տանը
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VASKEN SERVANT OF CHRIST AND BY THE MERCY OF
GOD AND WILL OF THE NATION PRIMATE AND
CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS AND SUPREME
Patriarch of the preeminent national apostolic
MOTHER SEE OF ARARAT AT HOLY ETCHMIADZIN.

PATERNAL GREETINGS AND PONTIFICAL BLESSINGS TO
THE CLERGY, THE ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES, AND ALL
OF OUR FAITHFUL IN THE HOLY CROSS ARMENIAN
CHURCH OF UNION CITY.

We are elated that by the grace of Almighty God, the Armenian
Church of the Holy Cross in Union City, New Jersey, is celebrating
its 75th Anniversary.

How could we help but rejoice with you, when on the far off
shores of America, the third Armenian Church in America, for many
years has stood as a triumph to God for our people.

For 75 years your place of worship has been and continues to
remain the Guardian Angel, consolation of our mothers and fathers
and indeed for all, spreading the grace, love, and peace of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

On this happy occasion with an overflowing heart, and at the re-
quest of your Diocesan Primate, Archbishop Tor kom Manoogian,
I send you my pontifical blessings, from the bastion of our Armenian
Faith, Holy Etchmiadzin, my heartfelt wishes that the God Almighty
keep your place of worship unshaken and firm, in peace, in the spirit
of unity, free from troubles and tribulations, and grant success to all
your God pleasing undertakings.

Hold high your Christian faith, the Armenian language and spirit
in your adopted land.

“Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which
no one will see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14) Amen.

Vasken I
Catholicos of All Armenians

This Gontag was issued in the
year of our Lord December 19,
1980 and was per the Armenian
calendar 1429 at the monastery
of Holy Etchmiadzin.

COMPLIMENTS OF
MR. and MRS. CARNEY AVEDESIAN



HIS HOLINESS, VASKEN I
130th Catholicos of all Armenians

In Memory of MARY AZMELIAN SASOONIAN
By Harold and Emily Azmelian



RONALD W. REAGAN
40th President
of the
United States of America

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1981

To the Congregation of the
Holy Cross Armenian Church:

I know that the Holy Cross Armenian Church is approaching its 75th anniversary and that it holds the distinction as the oldest existing church in the Armenian diocese of the United States. My warm congratulations!

As a community of believers gathered to mark this anniversary, the congregation of the Holy Cross Armenian Church affirms a living hope which has secured through many dark, and shining, hours the wondrous blessings a beneficent God has bestowed on a free people.

I am pleased to send my best wishes on this proud, historic occasion and I offer my hope for continued success in Christian service in the many years to come.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Holy Cross Armenian Church
318 27th Street
Union City, New Jersey 07087
Attn: Mr. Harold Azmelian, Chairman
Banquet Committee

In Memory of
OHANES and YERANIG CHARSHAFIAN



HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate, Armenian Church of North America - Eastern Diocese



ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՀԱՅՈՑ

DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016 212 686-0710

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴ ՍՐԲԱՋԱՆԻ ԽՕՍԲԸ
ԵՌՈՆԻԸՆ ՍԻԹԻՒ Ս. ԽԱՉ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՈՅ ՀԱՄԱՅՆՔԻՆ

Նիւ ծրրգիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին այսօր կը զտնուի պատմական այն հանգրուանին, որուն շատ քիչ Հայ Եկեղեցիներ արժանացած են մեր ընդարձակ թեմին մէջ:

Նիւ Եորքի եւ Նիւ ծրրգիի մէջ հաստատուած անդրանիկ Հայ Եկեղեցին է Ս. Խաչը՝ կառուցուած 1906 թուականին, եւ տակաւին գործօս իր հոգեւոր, ընկերային, կրթական ու ազգային կազմակերպութիւններով:

Հոգեկան անխառն ուրախութեամբ կ'ողջունենք Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ օժման 75-ամեակը, որուն պաշտօնական հանդիսարուութիւնը տեղի պիտի ունենայ Սեպտեմբեր 27ին:

Յորելինական այս հանդիսութիւնը ինքնին այն կենդանի փաստն է որ Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին անխափան կը շարունակէ իր ստանձնած աստուածահաճոյ առաքելութիւնը:

Առանց անդրադառնալու պատմական իրադարձութեանց, մենք անձնապէս կը վկայենք որ Եունիքն Սիթիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին ոչ միայն եղած է մեր Տէրը փառաւորելու համար Աղօթքի Տուն մը, այլ ամբողջ 75 տարիներ ան իր անդամներուն սրտերն ու հոգիները ջերմացուցած է ազգային ու հայեցի դաստիարակութեամբ:

Եւ այսօր, Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ ապրող ու մեզմէ բաժնուած հոգեւոր հովիւներու, հիմադիր անդամներու, ծխական Խորհուրդներու եւ հաւատացեալներու հոգիները մեզի հետ կը հրճուին: Անոնք կը տեսնեն իրենց գոհողութիւններով, անձուկիքով եւ տրանսպորտներով սնուցած տեսիլքներուն իրականացումը եւ շարունակութիւնը:

Որպէս Առաջնորդ Ամերիկայի Հայոց, մեր սրտաբուխ մաղթանքն է որ Աստուծոյ օրհնութիւնը միշտ պահպան ըլլայ Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ մեր համայնքին, եւ Հոգեւոր Հովիւ, ծխական Խորհուրդ ու Եկեղեցական կազմակերպութիւններ միշտ ծաղկուն պահեն համայնքի հոգեւոր, կրթական, մշակութային եւ ազգային կեանքը:

Սիրոյ ողջունիւ
Torkom Manougian
ԹՈՐԳՈՄ ԱՐԵՎԻՍՏԿՈՂՈՍ
Առաջնորդ

Սեպտեմբեր 1981
Նիւ Եորք, Ն.Ե.

In Memory of Our Parents
CHARLES, MARY, MEGERDICH and BERTHA
By Deran and Ann Chopoorian



OUR FORMER PASTOR

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP VATCHE HOVSEPIAN
Primate, Armenian Church of North America - Western Diocese



Հայաստանի Եկեղեցի Կրթարարական Արքեպիսկոպոս
(Արևմտյան Դեպարտամենտ)

ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA WESTERN DIOCESE

ARCHBISHOP VATCHE HOVSEPIAN, Primate

July 29, 1981

Rev. Fr. Carnig Hallajian, Pastor
Holy Cross Armenian Church
318 27th Street
Union City, New Jersey 07087

Dear Father Carnig:

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Holy Cross Armenian Church is truly a milestone in the annals of the history of the Armenian Church and the Armenian people of the United States.

The Armenian pioneer immigrants, who came to America from the historic city of Dickranagerd, being true to their ancestral tradition, have built the present Holy Cross Church, which is still sheltering our faithful every Sunday.

As you know, as a young priest, soon after leaving the university, I assumed the pastorate of this most venerable and dynamic church. Eleven years of my pastorate have been a period of personal gratification, and have provided me with immeasurable experience. The affection and total support of the congregation and their dedication and spiritual sacrifice, has left an unforgettable seal in my heart.

The Holy Cross Church must, at all costs, be maintained as a 'land mark' and as a 'House of Worship.'

My heartfelt greetings and felicitations to you and to the entire congregation.

With Fatherly Prayers,

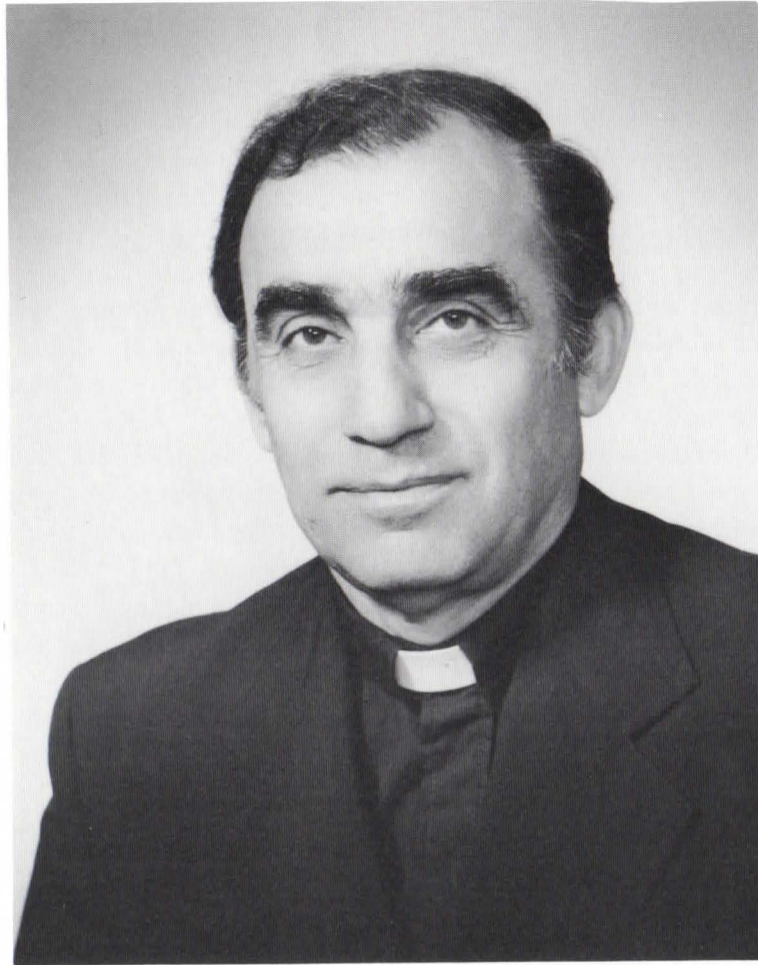
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ARCHBISHOP VATCHE HOVSEPIAN
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In Memory of
MARDIROS and ARSHALOUS DADAIAN
By Dr. Jack and Janet Dadaian & Children



REV. FR. CARNIG HALLAJIAN
Pastor, Holy Cross Armenian Church



ՍՈՒՐԲ ԽԱՉ ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԵԱՅՑ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻ

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REV. FR. CARNIG HALLAJIAN, Pastor

Սեպտեմբեր, 1981

Սիրելի ծխականներ եւ Բարեկամներ,

Եռնիւրն Սիթիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ ծխականները, մեծ ուրախութեամբ եւ արդար հպարտութեամբ կը սօնակատարեն եկեղեցւոյ 75 ամեակը: Արդարեւ, տեղին եւ պատշաճ է բոլորիդ ալ սա հիմնականը:

Վասն զի, դուք եւ ձեր ծնողները 75 տարիներու վաստակ մը ունիք այս համայնքին կեանքէն ներս: Անտարակոյս, Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին իր գոյութիւնը եւ իր բեղմնաւոր գործունէութիւնը կը պարտի ձեր ամէնքին անսակարկ նուիրումին եւ անդադրում ծառայութեան որ տարիներ շարունակ ցոյց տուած էք ձեր սիրելի եկեղեցիին հանդէպ:

Ահա թէ ինչու, եռնիւրն Սիթիի Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին որ մշտնադարձն որակուած է նիւ ծրրզի նահանգին Մայր Եկեղեցին, կրցած է դառնալ մեր բոլորին հոգեւոր տունը եւ ազգային գոյութեան խորիստը: Հոս, այս եկեղեցւոյ կամարներուն տակ է որ մեր զաւակներն ու թոռները 75 տարիներ շարունակ հասակ առին ու դարձան լաւ հայեր եւ մշտնադարձ քրիստոնեաներ: Ու ահա, անոնց բազմութիւնն է որ համախմբուած այսօտեղ, կը սօնակատարէ սա պատմական եկեղեցւոյ 75 ամեակը:

Այս բարեբաստիկ առիթով, որպէս ձեր Հովիւր, կ'ուզեմ յիշեցնել ձեր բոլորին, որ մենք նուիրական եւ կենսական պարտք ունինք կատարելիք: Պէտք է Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցւոյ անունով արդէն իսկ գոյութիւն ունեցող Մնայուն Հիմնադրամին գումարը ծոխացնել, որպէս զի անկէ զալիք եկամուտը ապահովէ գոյութիւնը այս իսկապէս պատմական եկեղեցւոյ, որ Ամերիկայի մէջ գործօն ամենահին հայ եկեղեցական կառոյցն է բարձրացած 75 տարիներ առաջ, հայ հաւատացեալներու լուծմաներով:

Ուրեմն, ամէն զնով այս պատմական շէնքը ձեռքէ պէտք չէ հանել որ այնքան իմաստ ու արժէք ունի մեր ամբողջ թեմին համար ընհանրապէս եւ եռնիւրն Սիթիի հաւատացեալներուն համար մասնաւորապէս: Նաեւ, պէտք է քաջ գիտնանք որ Ս. Խաչ Եկեղեցին սակաւին կոչուած է երկար տարին շարունակելու իր նուիրական առաքելութիւնը, անդադրում ծառայելով իր ժողովուրդին հոգեւոր եւ ազգային պէտքերուն:

Օրհնեալ ըլլաք բոլորդ ալ:

Սիրոյ Ողջունիւ

Գառնիկ Բհնյ. Հալլաճեան

In Memory of ANNE HACHADOORIAN
By Dick Hachadoorian

MESSAGE OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN



HAROLD E. AZMELIAN
Chairman, 75th Anniversary Committee

Parishioners and Friends of Holy Cross:

Today we have the distinct privilege and honor of paying tribute not only to our Church, but also to all of our responsible leaders, dead or alive, whose noteworthy contributions throughout the 75 year existence of our Church makes possible this historic celebration.

Let this anniversary mark the beginning of a commitment, an agreement that we are ready to make with the future, the future of our church. We are called upon to promise that all the good thoughts and aspirations we have are to be translated from this day forth into acts that can be measured in terms of more dedication, more sacrifice and more love for this Church of ours that has been able to withstand the hardships, the deprivations and the miseries of the centuries.

This celebration should be a collective will and testament of the entire community, the occasion to make us forge ahead, to make us a more dynamic community linked together in the firm belief that the spirit of the true Armenian is an overwhelming love of his church and a willingness to endure any sacrifice that she demands.

St. Cyprian, a noted religious philosopher who lived during the third century said, "He can not have God for his Father who has not the Church as his Mother."

All that is needed is your continued valuable and wholehearted support so that we may follow along the path charted by our Holy Martyrs and make it possible for a future generation to celebrate the centennial anniversary of our beloved Holy Cross.

HAROLD E. AZMELIAN

COMPLIMENTS OF
REV. and MRS. CARNIG HALLAJIAN

MESSAGE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



PHILIP ARPIARIAN
Chairman, Parish Council

I feel honored and proud in serving as the Chairman of the Parish Council during this anniversary year.

The Holy Cross Armenian Church of Union City has a magnificent history which is the reflection of all the parishioners and friends who have served her, keeping it alive for these Seventy-Five years.

When reviewing the events that have led to today's celebration, am awed by the dedication and tenacity of our religious forebears who under circumstances that would have discouraged people with less faith never gave up. In the past the challenges were many; the most outstanding financial. As the years progressed and we became affluent the challenge is now apathy.

The milestone we are celebrating today must be a reminder to us all of the debt we owe our predecessors. By our acceptance of the responsibility to carry on the tradition of devotion, dedication and sacrifice we will have given recognition to their trials and tribulations.

Our goal should be the Centennial celebration of the Holy Cross Armenian Church.

PHILIP ARPIARIAN

COMPLIMENTS OF

HOLY CROSS LADIES EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

THE HISTORIC 75 YEARS OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH

It is the turn of the century.

The 1800's move off the calendar on the wall.

The 1900's begin.

It is a milestone for the United States which is busy transforming itself from an agricultural to an industrial economy.

It is a milestone also in the saga of an ancient people known as the Armenians who, rebelling against the oppression of centuries in their homeland, have turned westward to the Land of New Hope.

They are not the only ones who have headed West. For some sixty years, immigrants have by the boatload poured daily into cities along the American seaboard. They have come from Ireland, from Germany, from Italy and from many other countries in Europe and Asia -- and they have come in far greater numbers than the Armenians.

Ellis Island, the major port of entry, is in a continual tumult -- a tumult caused by the excited hubbub of so many tongues whose owners have just had their first glimpse of the Statue of Liberty.

Scores of Armenian immigrants are in the daily bedlam of Ellis Island. Some of the newcomers from the Armenian "harenik" will head for New England, for the city of Worcester, Mass., where the first Armenian colony was established some 15 or 20 years before. Some will journey for days cross country by train for a place in California called Fresno where the more adventurous Armenians had gone. A certain number, however, will travel only a short distance -- maybe by ferryboat and trolley car -- to the melting pot in New Jersey's Hudson County -- to a town known then as West Hoboken, now Union City, New Jersey.

Most of the newcomers to West Hoboken will settle in a section of the town as "the Dardanelles." The name derived from the polyglot makeup of the teeming five-to-six block square area in which, living almost on top of one another, are Armenians, Germans, Greeks, Irish, Italians, Jews, Swiss, Syrians -- and even a few other ethnic groups. This almost unbelievable human melange is clustered about such streets as Shippen Street, Dodd Street, Angelique Street, West Street, Jane Street and Highpoint, Central and Summit Avenues.



HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP HOVSEP SARAJIAN
Founder and First Pastor of the Holy Cross Armenian Church

COMPLIMENTS OF

HOLY CROSS SENIORS GROUP

Each Dardanellian group has its own culture. But all have two problems in common - - adjusting to the English language and to a new way of life. But they manage. They get along together. And they grow together. Most of this adaptation and assimilation take place under the presidential administrations of William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson.

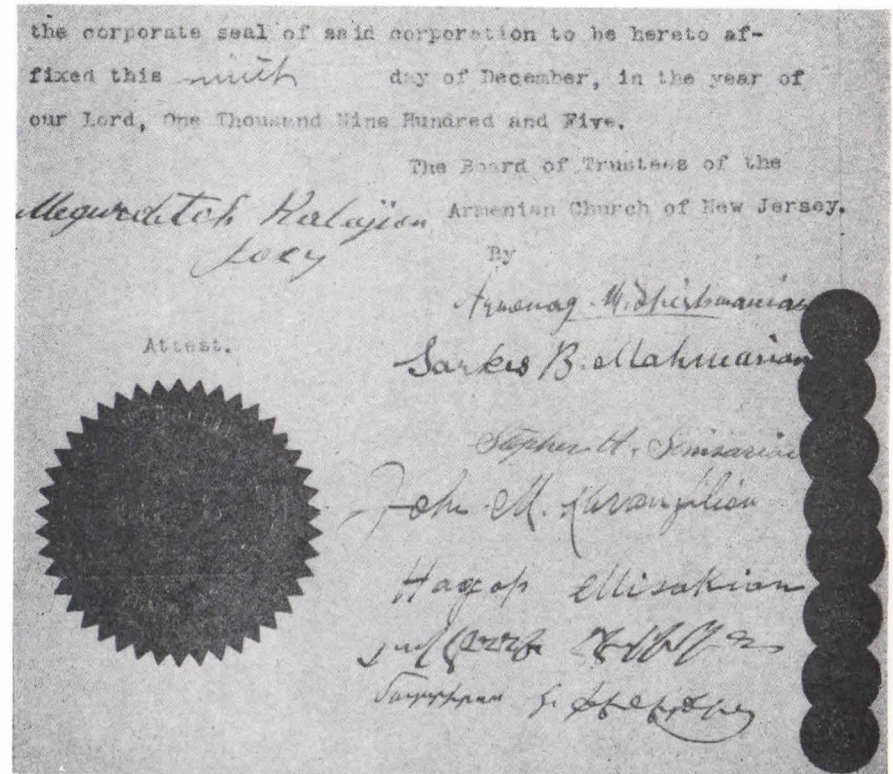
The West Hoboken Armenians hail almost entirely from the ancient Armenian capital of Dikranagerd of the times of very ancient Rome. Thenewcomers assimilate and soon become accustomed to the ways and customs of their new homeland.

But they do not forget their roots.

Those roots go all the way back to the year 301 A.D. when historic Armenia becomes the first nation in the world to adopt Christianity as its national religion. Down through the centuries that are to follow, they are to fight and die for that religion. Very late in the 19th century - - in 1895 - - the first tremor of the ghastly Genocide that is to horrify the world in 1915 - - befalls the Armenians of Dikranagerd. A bloody three-day carnage leaves the streets strewn with bodies - - and it is then that the Armenians of the once-proud capital decide that their homeland is no more for them.

It is not easy getting to the New World. There isn't an Armenian family around today which has not heard stories of years of temporary haven and privation in the Middle East, in Egypt's Cairo and Alexandria or maybe France's Marseilles and Le Havre. But eventually, the Armenians get to the New World. And once they set foot on newsoil and settle permanently, it is not surprising they talk of building a church.

So it is in West Hoboken. There are many informal discussions in the years before the turn of the century. Around 1903, the "Hokapartzoos" purchase a plot on which to build. A year or so later, they decide the plot is not large enough. They renegotiate, swap the original site for a bigger one across the street, and on Sunday, September 16, 1906, they consecrate the ground.

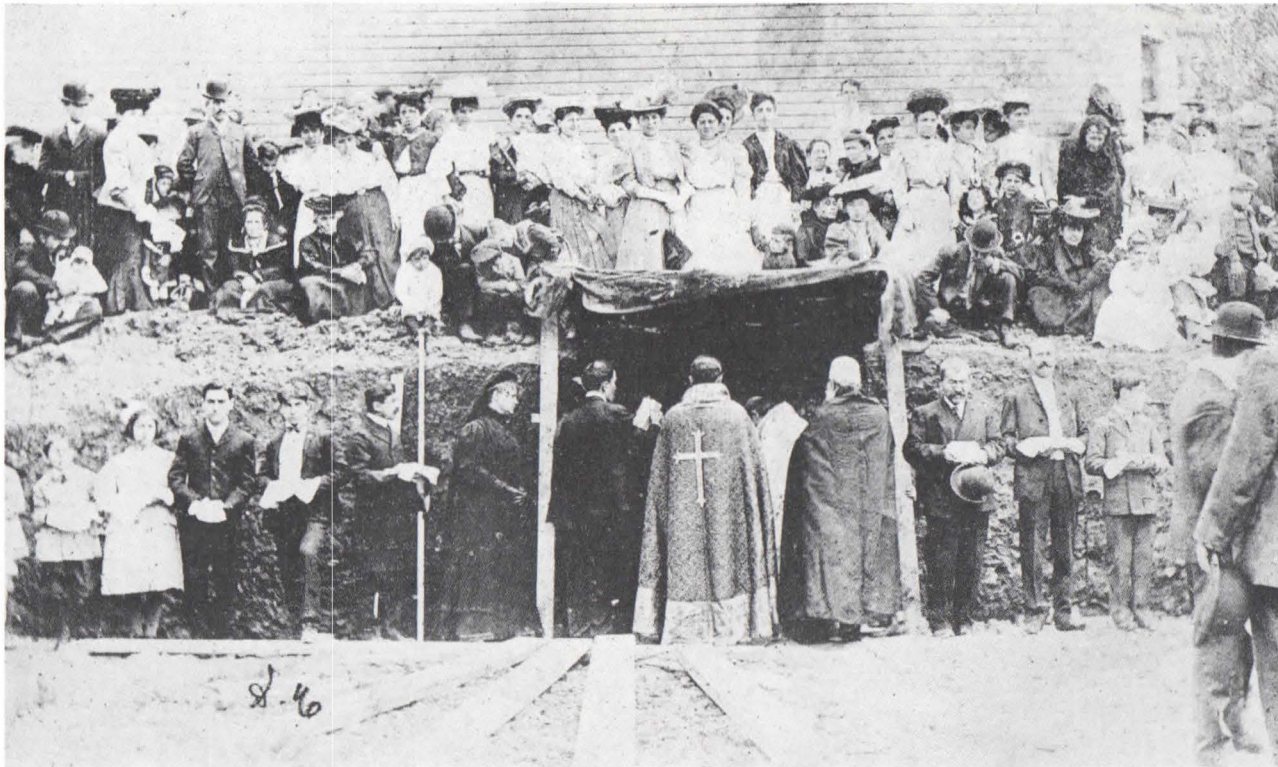


Signatures of the then trustees of Holy Cross Church Property Deed in 1905.

Sixteen pillar and cornerstones, each stone carrying the name of a saint, were blessed and consecrated before being placed in a vault that is buried in the ground directly under the altar of Holy Cross Church. Each stone had a different sponsor and among the sponsors was Mrs. Helen Holthausen, a Christian minded lady who although not a communicant of the church nevertheless contributed a substantial sum of money toward the building fund, and sponsored a cornerstone in memory of her late husband, Arend, who had years before founded a department store in nearby Union Hill.

COMPLIMENTS OF

HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S GUILD



SEPTEMBER 16, 1906 - A picture of the actual blessing and consecration ceremony at the groundbreaking. Among the clergymen were Bishop Hovsep Sarajian and Rev. Vahram Messerlian.

A list of the sponsors and the names carried by the different stones follows:

SARKIS MAHMARIAN	Apostle Peter
SARKIS KATSAKHIAN	Apostle Andrew
Memory of TOOMA SARAFIAN	Apostle Philip
Memory of KRIKOR SARAFIAN	St. Gregory the Illuminator
Memory of G. RADOIAN	Apostle Bartholomew
Memory of GARABED TOPRAHANIAN	Evangelist
TOPRAHANIAN	Evangelist Matthew
K. KATCHIGIAN	Evangelist Mark
MRS. HELEN HOLTHAUSEN	Evangelist Luke

Memory of GADARINEH G.	Evangelist John
TOPRAHANIAN	Apostle Paul
DICRAN SHAHBAZIAN	Apostle Jacob of Zebedee
DICRAN KAZANJIAN	Apostle Thomas
Memory of HOVSEP SARAFIAN ...	Evangelist Jacob of Alpheus
Memory of HAGOP SARAFIAN	Evangelist Thaddeus
Memory of B. SABONJIAN	Apostle Simon of Canaan
Memory of B. LOOLOYAN	Apostle Mattias
HAGOP ZAKARIAN	

In addition, MRS. GADARINEH CHNKOOSHIAN was sponsor for the pillars of the altar.

COMPLIMENTS OF

MR. and MRS. PETER JESRALY

It is the commemoration of that event that is being celebrated today. A photograph of that ground consecration still survives. The men wore derbies and many had flowing handlebar mustachios; the women wore big picture hats with plumes. The boy on the right in knickers is Jack Shahinian, later to become a very strong trustee. One of the boys in the picture is still with us today. He is John (Red) Paboojian whose family lived around the block from the church site.

Things move rapidly. A little over four months later, on Sunday, January 27, 1907, Holy Cross Church opens its doors.

It is the third Armenian Church to rise in the New World. It is preceded by the Church of Our Saviors in Worcester (1891) and Holy Trinity in Fresno, Ca. (1903).

Bishop Hovsep Sarajian celebrates that first Badarak in Holy Cross Church. He has served previously as a Vartabed at occasional services held in nearby Episcopal Churches (notably St. John's Episcopal Church on the same Clinton Avenue -- now New York Avenue) before Holy Cross Church is erected.

An indefatigable worker, the Bishop is also a highly capable fund raiser in those early years. He obtains substantial contributions from three wealthy New York families -- the Tavshanjians, the Gulbenkians and the Kareghosians.

The community does its share, too. Every affair seems to have had as its primary purpose the raising of money for the erection of the church. There is a record of a young men's athletic group -- known as Gajar A.C. -- presenting a play as far back as Sunday, March 22, 1902, for such a purpose. The name of the play was "Vreshkhntir Dikran" -- Vengeful Dikran.

Many wrinkles are ironed out before the building of the church begins. The Ladies Educational Society, organized even before the consecration of the church ground, is prevailed upon to wait a spell for the school building for which it has been pressing constantly. And then there are problems with the Armenian political clubs which are far more active in the early 1900's than they are today.

But Bishop Sarajian succeeds in erasing the problems; the church is completed at a cost of \$11,000. A mortgage of \$4,000 is the tide-over.



A story of that first service is carried on the first page of THE DISPATCH, then an afternoon newspaper. Not only does the story describe the Badarak in complete detail -- but it concludes one paragraph with "the service began at nine o'clock and was not concluded until 2:30 in the afternoon!"

It is a source of constant surprise to many that the Ladies Educational Society antedated the establishment of Holy Cross Church. Away back, on September 6, 1905, some of the newly arrived Armenian women moved towards the perpetuation of the Armenian language and Armenian culture, with the establishment of the "Hye Dignantz Gurtasiratz Miutyun" -- the Armenian Women's Cultural Society.

COMPLIMENTS OF

MR. and MRS. ALEX MANOOGIAN

Their dream for a school building is finally realized in 1913, when the building which is now known as the Annex, is completed. On April 13, 1913, the school is formally opened. Classes are held daily from 4 to 6 p.m. - - after public school. Three years later, in July of 1916, Mrs. Aroosiag Jerrahian, the then teacher, awards diplomas to the school's first graduating class. The seven graduates are Azniv Ansoorian, Rose Aslanian, Noyemzar Minassian, Josephine Keshishian, Marion Shatafian, Dicran Goulian and Lud Shahbazian. The graduation exercise is held at Oak Street's Swiss Turn Hall - - site of the important Armenian functions of the time.

Down through the years, Soorp Mesrobian Hye Varsharan's many dedicated teachers have taught the "aip-pen-keem" to many, many students. One of the school's highlight years is 1932 when another beloved teacher, Mrs. Siranoosh Katchouny at the graduation exercises honors no less than 16 students. The diplomas are handed to the graduates by none other than the Diocesan Prelate of the time, His Eminence Levon Archbishop Tourian who the following year will become a martyr to his church.

Mampré Vartabed Calfayan is pastor at the time. Because of the gradual social mobility of the population, Armenian schools are established in West New York (the Tourian School), in North Bergen and even in Jersey City. Economic conditions, however, force the closing of the perimeter schools by the time of Mrs. Zabelle Sahagian's tenure as teacher. They are combined under one fold again. To accommodate the outer students, parish trustees such as Mike Megerdichian, Harry Sabonjian and Mike Nakashian rotate at picking up students for the Saturday morning classes (every day classes have long disappeared).

In due time, a regular bus service is arranged - - and it still holds forth Saturday mornings. But busses - - and teachers - - and text books - - all cost money and Ladies Educational's longtime chairperson, Mrs. Alice Najarian, has a constant financial problem on her hands. Thanks to energetic advisor, Victoria Tukmanian, and her committee, Ladies Educational manages to provide Armenian education and culture to the Armenian youth - - as it has done for more than 76 years!

The community's joy over the Armenian School's first graduation in the summer of 1916 is severely shaken, however, when the news begins coming in of the appalling 1915 massacre of the Armenians by

the Turks - - a holocaust that starts on the night of April 24 - - a tragically unforgettable date in Armenian history.

News travels slowly in those days. There is no radio - - no television. Only by long-delayed mail sent months later by survivors who have escaped and found refuge elsewhere in the Middle East do the Armenians of West Hoboken learn of the tragic fate of their kinfolk in the homeland, of the merciless, stone-hearted carnages - - of the death marches in the burning desert - - of the savage butchery that will take a million and half lives - - of the horrible blood-letting

that will go down in history as the first Genocide of the 20th century.

Overwhelmed with grief, an anguished parish immediately takes steps to save survivors from wherever they have found haven. A huge benefit for funds is held in West Hoboken's newly-built Emerson High School at which the three most noted Armenian singers of the time - - Shah Muradian, Armand Tokatyan and Mrs. Zabelle Aram are on the program which concludes with a massive "hankanagootyoon".

It is a most grievous period and the entrance of the United States into World War One in April 1917, makes conditions more grave. Scores of young men from the parish go into Uncle Sam's service. They are even preceded to the front by some who have volunteered earlier to fight in the Caucasus under General Antranig's Armenian Legion organized in France.

It is only after World War One ends that some of the dazed survivors of the 1915 holocaust are located and brought to the United States, not a few of them to West Hoboken. The beloved Very Rev. Vahram Nazaretian, pastor at the time, is of great help to the new arrivals.

It is during Father Vahram's first tenure that the Sunday School is established. Though there have been sporadic classes in the past, parish council chairman, Dicran Simsarian, noting that many parishioners' children are attending Sunday School at nearby churches, proposes on November 2, 1921, that a regular Holy Cross Sunday School be at last launched. The proposal is accepted immediately and his bride of only a few months, Satenig, is the first regular teacher.

COMPLIMENTS OF

MR. and MRS. ALEX MANOOGIAN



HOLY CROSS CHURCH CENTER

The growing community's Armenian School enrollment also moves up with the arrival during Mampre Vartabed Calfayan's pastorate of Mrs. Siranoosh Katchouny as teacher. Enrollment reaches as high as 150 and other teachers such as Mrs. Rosa Varzhabedian and Mrs. Siranoush Bledjian are fondly remembered. But it should be mentioned that the community hasn't started to move northward and westward as yet.

Harry K. Norian and Peter M. Fanarjian, long active parishioners and trustees, enthusiastically prepare the unified community for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the church. Attendance at both the Armenian School and the Sunday School keep going up. Shamiran Shapshapian (now Kassabian) is in charge of the good-sized Armenian-English library in the Annex and is kept busy indeed after Badarak ends each Sunday. Mampre Vartabed, sensing the needs of the outer population, establishes St. Leon's Church in Paterson (which will move some decades later to Fair Lawn). The first requests come in at this time for a church in the Newark area.

In the midst of all this ascending movement, the untimely death of Archbishop Levon Tourian, Prelate of the North American Diocese, affects the Holy Cross Armenian Church immediately. Mampre Var-

tabed is called to Diocesan headquarters in New York City and is named Locum Tenens. Courageously he carries on Archbishop Tourian's work. Very Rev. Nazaretian is called back as pastor of Holy Cross.

In the midst of this trying of times, in the midst of the Great Depression which all but drowns the United States in deprivation and utter desolation - - the Ladies Aid of Holy Cross is born.

Half a century later it will be renamed Women's Guild of Holy Cross. But it is born Ladies Aid. Three women parishioners -- Mrs. Makrouhie Kazazian, Mrs. Ovsanna Kassabian and Mrs. Hyganoosh Attashian hold an informal conference on October 11, 1934, at which they send out notices for an organizational meeting. Mrs. Attashian is elected president.

In no time the group begins pressing the parish council to build a church center where affairs may be held with ease. By 1938, a drive for funds begin.

But in the early 1940's, World War II breaks out, a conflagration that will embroil the entire globe. All civilian projects come to a halt.

Not until the war is over years later - - and more than 600 parishioners turn out to welcome back home some 300 veterans at nearby Schuetzen Park's pavillion - - does the clamor for a center resume.

It is around this time that Khoren Shahbazian is elected parish council chairman. After listening to the interminable discussions and constantly changing ideas as to where-to-build and what-to-build, he personally purchases in the early summer of 1952, a building at 27th Street and Bergenline Avenue (the old City Theater), just one block from the church, and donates it to Holy Cross for a center.

To the great sorrow of the community, Mr. Shahbazian dies of a heart attack while on vacation in Fresno, California, on September 8, 1952. Vice Chairman, Edward Turnamian, and the parish building committee consisting of Haig Simsarian, Krikor Chakmaklian, Haig Sheklian and Deran Chopoorian, have the center ready by December for dedication by the then Diocesan Primate, Mampre Archbishop Calfayan. Two years later, the center houses the annual Diocesan Convention, the first time in which Holy Cross parish is host since 1910.

COMPLIMENTS OF

NECKER SHARPE FUNERAL HOME



Archbishop Sion Manoogian consecrating our new Altar on Palm Sunday, March 22, 1964, assisted by Pastor, Very Rev. Vatche Hovsepian and Deacon Krikor Bendian.

Its dream at last realized, the Ladies Aid is to make full use of the Center. Ladies Aid will soon be called "the good right arm of the parish council". In turn Ladies Aid calls the Center "the good right arm of Ladies Aid" - especially the Center's kitchen whence derives most of the monies from the organization's affairs. "There is nothing like Armenian cooking," one old timer says. Ladies Aid helps regularly with contributions to the parish treasury for renovations and refurbishing, etc. In 1955, Khoren Shahbazian's wife, Mary, a Ladies Aid member and a very close friend of Ladies Aid's then chair-lady, Azniv Hakimian, dies. In her will she leaves a bequest for \$5,000 "for any sums that may be due on the Center account." Another faithful parishioner, Araxy Mason, follows suit many years later and donates \$5,000. Recognizing the historical value of Holy Cross, not only for the present, but for the future as well, many similar donations are made in smaller, but steady amounts.

Post war years are always marked by surges in religious activity. There is great movement in the Diocese. Karekin Surpazan Hovsepian, primate from 1939 to 1944, has started a movement for the erection of an Armenian Cathedral in New York City. Tiran Surpazan who succeeds him, furthers the movement by launching a brick campaign in which Holy Cross takes a solid part.

There is great movement among the Diocesan Clergy, too, Father Mesrob Semerjian succeeds Father Nazaretian as Holy Cross pastor. Khoren Kahana Mamigonian follows Father Semerjian. There comes periods when Father Semerjian returns but in early 1952, Father Hmayag Intoyan is named pastor. In between the shifting of pastors, Father Zgon Der Hagopian serves Holy Cross (he is now a retired Bishop of the Church).

Father Intoyan is names pastor. In betw

Father Intoyan spurs new life into all the church organizations, particularly the Armenian Church Youth Organization. Then one day comes the news that Father Hmayag has been assigned by Etchmiadzin to Persia. Again Father Zgon Der Hagopian is called upon to resume his former duties.

On May 25, 1956, parish council chairman, Lud Shahbazian, and the congregation's elder of the church, Haig Simsarian, greet the new pastor at Idlewild Airport. He is a slender young seminarian who has studied at Antelias, Manchester and Edinburgh.

He is Vatche Apegha Hovsepian.

For the next dozen years he is to make a tremendous impact on Holy Cross. It is his first pastorate - - but his tenure will be referred to in time as Holy Cross' "Golden Years" - - outrivaling the stretch between 1927 and 1934 which saw Mampre Vartabed Calfayan as pastor.

The new pastor stops only briefly at Diocesan headquarters on New York's Second Avenue (where the Cathedral stands today) before heading for New Jersey. In the next decade or so, with the aid of parish council chairman, Nubar Dorian, and Harold Azmelian (who serves 8 years) he:

In Memory of MRS. PROUN PABOOJIAN

**By her children - John, Vivian and Frank Paboojian and
Mrs. Lucille Berenbroick**

effects the establishment of Sunday School classrooms in the church basement;

replaces the altar which has served since 1924 with a traditional Armenian-style altar designed by noted architect, Jacob Bilzerian;

replaces the standard windows of the church with stained glass windows;

encourages the parish to purchase a building next to the Center. The kitchen is shifted to the rear of the Center and a new front is carved out on the south side, freeing hundreds of square feet for the hall proper;

he responds favorably with the suggestion that a Men's Club be formed;

and wins adoption of the pledge system for parish dues.

Father Vatche does our church proud when on the night of May 30, 1960, he is host clergyman to His Holiness, Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians. It is an epochal event for it is the first time that an Armenian Catholicos has come to America. His Holiness presides over an evening service at Holy Cross after which he is escorted to the Church Center where Nubar Dorian makes such a magnificent welcoming speech that His Holiness pays him a very warm compliment.

And eight years later Father Vatche plays a major role again when Vasken I came to America for the second time for the dedication of St. Vartan Cathedral in New York. Krikor Bendian, who with Mardiros Katoonagian, has served for more than 40 years on our Altar, is Holy Cross' godfather for the occasion.

Shortly after, good news and bad news arrive simultaneously.

The good news is that Vatche Vartabed has been ordained a bishop! The bad news is that as such he will leave immediately for Canada where he has been assigned by the Primate.

With his departure, some problems are to arise for Holy Cross. Having served so long and with such dedication to the community, it will seem difficult to find a replacement. Successive parish council chairmen - - Zaven Hovsepian, John Hovsepian, Bart Sarkissian, Charles Apkarian, Harry Shenloogian, attempt to serve the needs of the parish.

In May of 1968, Very Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian is named pastor. It was also during his tenure that tribute is paid to Haig Simsarian who who had reached his 90th year and was awarded the Medal of St. Gregory, highest distinction accorded to a layman by the Armenian Church. He was the fourth Holy Cross parishioner to have won the honor, having been preceded by Dicran Simsarian of Fort Lee, Jack Shahinian of Tenafly and Lud Shahbazian of Ridgefield.

With the permission of the Primate and the blessings of the Catholicos, Very Rev. Vertanes Kalayjian was married, thereby changing his status to Der Hayr. His Yeretzhin, Anahid, proved to be very useful to our Parish. After serving Holy Cross for 4 years, Rev. Vertanes was reassigned to St. Mary's Church in Elberon to revitalize the former "summer" church to Fall scale activity.

Following a short period without benefit of a pastor, the parish council, under the chairmanship of John Hovsepian, continued to carry on parish responsibilities until the arrival of Rev. Fr. Vartan Megherian.

During the two years that Father Megherian served Holy Cross, we greatly benefited from his experience and especially that of Yeretzhin Yefkine's activities in reviving interest in the Sunday School and Der Hayr's formation of the Senior Citizens Group.

Shortly after Father Megherian's reassignment to Holy Cross Church of New York City, Father Ari Kehaiyan assumes the pastorate. During his brief tenure, Holy Cross sponsored the banquet celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, our former pastor. Another accomplishment of Father Ari was to take decisive action in welcoming the new Armenian immigrants, especially from Beirut and Aleppo, into our Parish.

During the interim between the departure of Father Ari and the arrival of Father Carnig Hallajian, Dick Assoian carried out his duties as chairman of the parish council much in the tradition established by his predecessors.

When Father Carnig returned to Holy Cross as the Parish Priest he came not as a stranger. He had spent the required 40 days of pastoral preparation under the guidance of Father Vatche and prior to that served as a deacon in the 1950's. It seems fitting that he chose

In Memory of

OUR PARENTS and KHOREN and MARY SHAHBAZIAN

By Josephine and Lud Shahbazian



Photo taken during Holy Badarak on April 26, 1981 on the occasion of the 66th Anniversary in memory of our Martyrs.

as his Yeretzgin a former Holy Cross parishioner, the former Rose Norian.

Father Carnig served as pastor in two parishes before returning to Holy Cross which brought him tremendous opportunity to gain experience and to recognize the need that some changes had to be made in Holy Cross. Chief among these were the physical alteration of the church, including new carpeting donated by the Nakashians, his former parishioners at St. Leon's, the church annex was completely refurbished as was the parish house. In addition the age of modern technology required that to more efficiently serve the needs of the parish, new equipment had to be purchased. Father Carnig also began to prepare and publish a weekly Sunday Church Bulletin.

Another of Father Carnig's former parishioners has generously donated the printing of this booklet, Yenovk Shegerian.

Holy Cross Choir, steeped in the tradition of Anton Cheretzian, Harry K. Shalian, and Hosrof Hamamjian, is ranked as the best in the East. Since the departure of Mr. Hamamjian, it has been under the direction of Ann Dadaian and Arpena Tavitian-Sbarbaro. Toward the end of 1980, it has moved upstairs into the "choir loft", from the Altar to the balcony.

The delegate set-up has undergone a major change, too. For many years Holy Cross has sent five delegates to the annual Diocesan Convention. To comply with the new regulations regarding the ratio of delegates to parish membership and also to effect a substantial financial saving, Holy Cross delegates are now but two - Edward Turnamian and Nubar Dorian.

Still other changes seem to be necessitated due to the changing American lifestyle as it effects our Armenian-American families. The Ladies Aid Society, which was an afternoon organization did not allow for expansion of membership since most of the second generation women worked. Its once strong membership began to dwindle until it regrouped itself as the Women's Guild of Holy Cross which meets at night. Under the energetic chairpersonship of Arpena Sbarbaro and her advisors; particularly, Victoria Tukmanian, the membership has grown and it seems to have the same vitality for this generation as its counterpart had for the earlier years.

Yeretzgin Rose, a state certified teacher, has taken on the responsibility of reestablishing the Sunday School along professional lines, in keeping with the many changes being proposed by the Diocesan Council for Religious Education. Yeretzgin Rose has sought out, as Sunday School teachers, those who are already teachers; i.e., Sylvia and Alice Bozoyan and Gloria Mary Zulumian, and those who have particular skills and talents to benefit the young children as displayed by Thomas Dabakian and Vivian Hovsepien.

With the support of the Sunday School Faculty, Yeretzgin Rose has pushed for complete renovation of the Sunday School facilities in time for the September reopening of classes.

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Tree Planting Ceremony - April 26, 1981 in memory of our Martyrs.

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In Memory of
OUR PARENTS VARTOOHIE and DICKRAN TURNAMIAN
By Zabelle, Bertha, Edward and Haig

In keeping with the expansion of women's roles in general in the United States, Holy Cross, elected Anne Hachadoorian, the first woman to be a parish council member. Her untimely death on November 15, 1980, saddened the community, but also broke up the husband-wife church team that worked diligently for Holy Cross.

Towards the end of 1980, news came from Miami of the passing of Very Rev. Vahram Nazaretian, a priest who touched the lives of so many of the Holy Cross parishioners. Only Vatche Vartabed's tenure has exceeded the time spent by Father Nazaretian over two pastora-tes, at Holy Cross.

The Senior Citizen's Group, loosely organized during Father Megherian's time, has blossomed into a full fledged organization meeting every Tuesday in the newly renovated annex officially dedicated on November 15, 1980. The dual chairmanship of the project, as for most of the rebuilding projects, was performed by Harold Azmelian and Deran Chopoorian.

And, to end on a bittersweet note, Martyrs Day this year was commemorated at Holy Cross by the planting of two trees in front of the Church building. It was an inspiring day - - survivors of the 1915 holocaust, newer refugees from Istanbul, Aleppo and Beirut, together with third and fourth generation Armenian-Americans were spiritual-ly joined as one sharing their group identity and religion.

To capture the historic events of 75 years and describe them in several thousand words is an onerous task. It is especially difficult considering what befaced the Armenian immigrants, their needs as far as the church is concerned and conversely the strength and support the church offered its flock as event after tragic event gradually unfolded. Obviously then many of the finer details had to be skimmed over in order to present a broad perspective of Holy Cross' experience

Holy Cross was conceived of by a handful of Armenian immigrants not even certain at the time that they themselves would remain in this country for long. Its significance is that it stood out as a beacon for newer arrivals, symbolically a traditional link with the very meaning of our Armenian identity and early traditions of the Armenian Church - from the miracles of St. Gregory the Enlightener to the tragic heroism of St. Vartan and the Battle of Avarayr.

Numerous clergy have served as pastors of Holy Cross; some for short periods - - others for prolonged periods. Despite length of service, however, it must be noted that each one came with an earnest desire to serve the Church and its parishioners to the best of their ability.

And, since Union City was the Armenian hub, there is hardly a family from New Jersey today who was not affected by Holy Cross and the many services it provided for all age groups.

The preservation of Holy Cross is not therefore merely an act of vanity on the part of a few parishioners. It is a vital part of the history of the Armenians in America, and we as inheritors of such a glorious past and deep religious conviction must do all we can to ensure the future security of Holy Cross . . . by our financial contributions and even more importantly by our physical presence at our Sunday Services.

How many young people present at the Consecration of Holy Cross in 1906 even thought about 75 years into the future. Yet they are with us today celebrating this glorious occasion. How many more of us will be present at the Centennial of Holy Cross which will carry us further across the threshold into the 21st Century, to the year 2006, and will watch Holy Cross continue to meet the needs of the ever-changing Armenian society. We are confident that just as it has in the past grown and developed, it will continue to steadfastly adhere to the basic tenets of our forefathers, yet will sustain the future generations of Armenian-Americans.

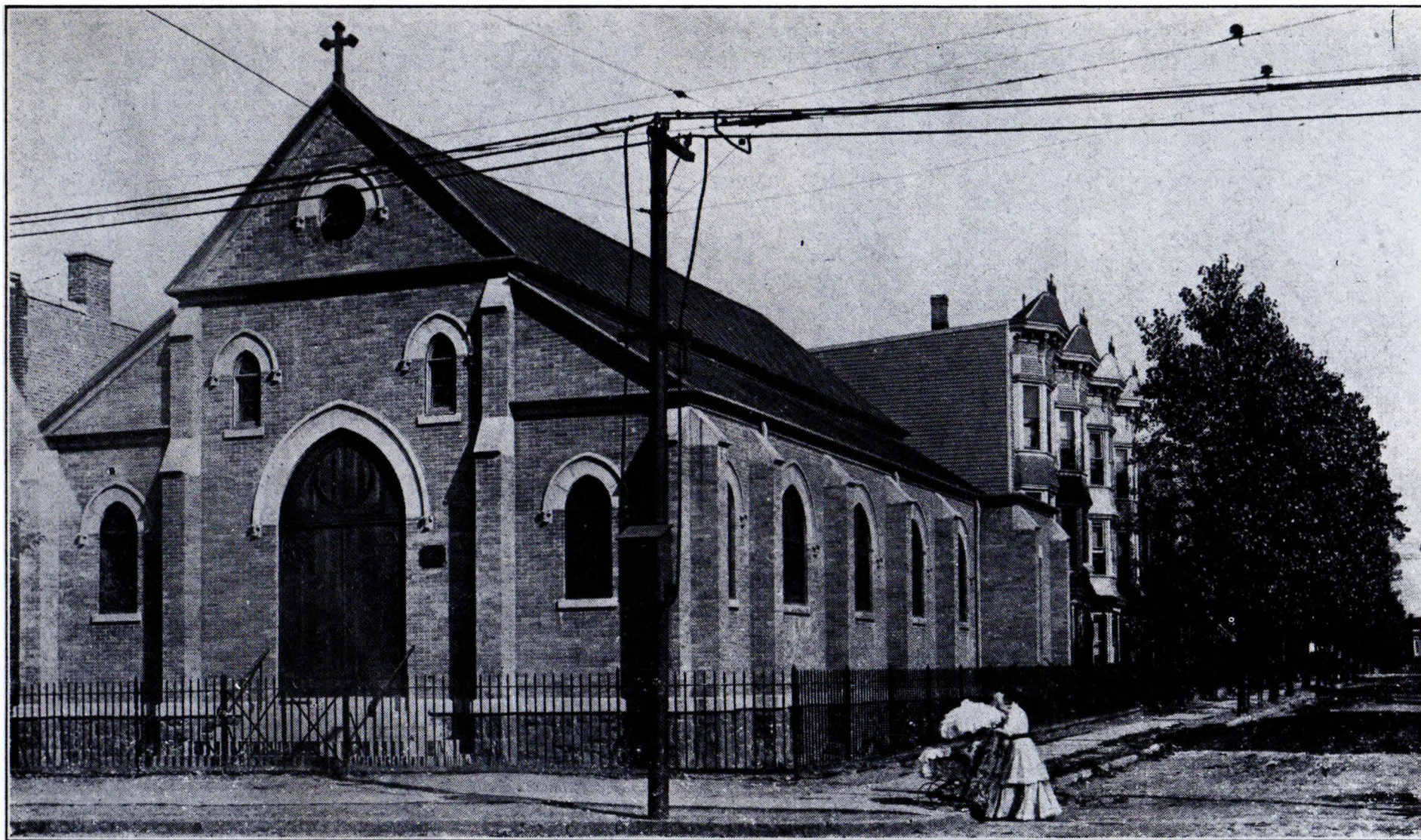
Happy 75th Anniversary Holy Cross! You have served your people well. We look forward to the future with the same pride and dignity you have exemplified in your earlier formative years. You may rest comfortably on your laurels. But we know you to be a dynamic force in the Union City Parish, and that growth is inevitable. . . that is why you withstood the test of time serving the immigrant Armenians in the past; their more affluent and socially mobile descendants in the present and without doubt the more professionally trained and educated future population.

When we have needed you, you have been there - - now it is the time for us to praise and honor you!

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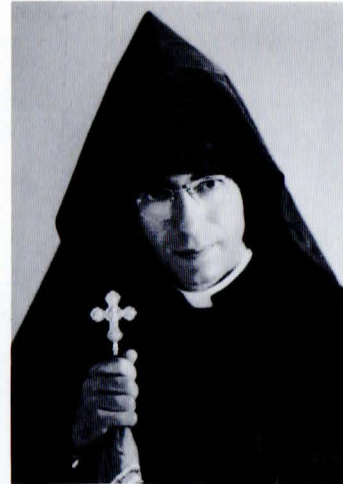
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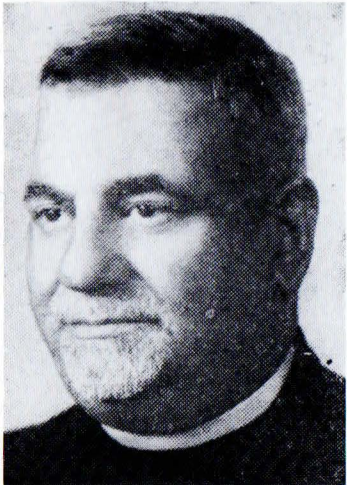
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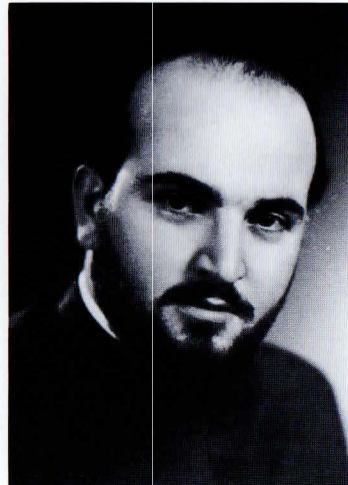
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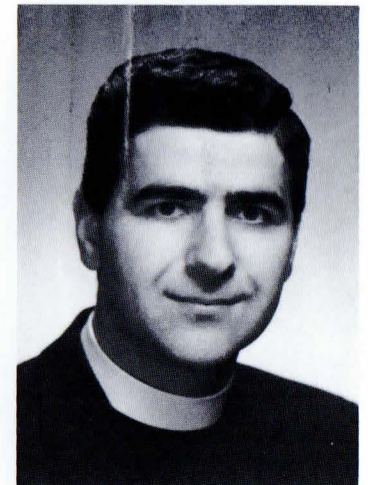
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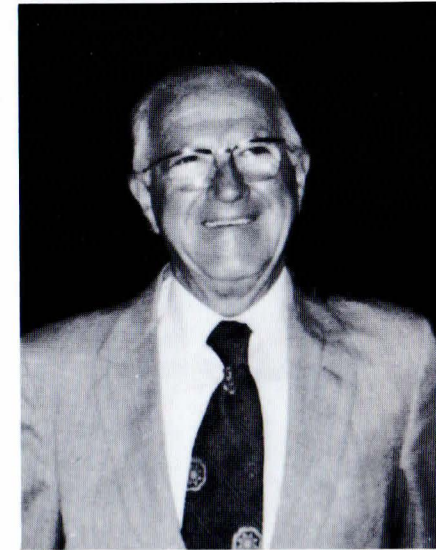
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Left to Right: Seated: Edward Turnamian, Delegate; Philip Arpiarian, Chairman;
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Standing: Charles Genjian, Rec. Secy.; Charles Apkarian; Carnig Shenloogian;
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Seated second from left: Alice Najarian, Chairperson



ALTAR SERVERS - 1981 (left to right) Seated - Deacon Hagop Hovsepian;
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WOMEN'S GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (left to right) Seated - Artemis Koundakjian, Treasurer; Victoria Tukmanian, Advisor, Arpena Sbarbaro, Chairperson; Nector Kalustian, Advisor. Standing - Grace Genjian, Asst. Treasurer; Bertha Najarian, Advisor; Ann Dadaian, Corr. Secy.; Alice Foronjy, Advisor; Diane Burggraf, Rec. Secy.



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By Zohra Kebabjian

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